Sir. Eight proposals have been received from the State PWD of Chhattisgarh for strengthening and widening of National Highways in the State. The above proposals are included in the Annual Plan 2005-06.

Regulatory framework for SSIs

†1247. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considerign to formulate a regulatory framework related to the Small Scale Industries so that it may grow in a competitive environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also contemplating to implement the single window clearance system to establish Small Scale Industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are also contemplating to raise the financial limit of those units from Rs. 5 crore so that they may continue to be covered under the small scale?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (b) Government has introduced the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005 in Lok sabha in May 2005 with a view, *inter alia*, to enhancing the competitiveness and facilitating the promotion and developrnent of small and medium enterprises. This Bill also provides for simplifying and harmonizing the existing regulatory framework for small enterprises.

(c) and (d) Being primarily responsible for promotion and development of small scale industries, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implement various measures, including single window clearance system, to facilitate the establishment of small scale industries.

(e) The Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005 defines a small enterprise engaged in manufacturing as one in which the investment in plant and machinery, excluding land and building, is up to Rs. 5 crore.

SSIs in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

†1248. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government have formulated any pain to set up the group of the Small Scale Industries in the backward areas of the Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities that Government are giving and are going to give for setting up Small Scale Industries in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) It is individual entrepreneurs who set up small scale industries. The promotion and development of small scale industries (SSI) is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments, including those of Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar. The Central Government, however, support and supplements the efforts of State Governments through implementation of various schemes relating to fiscal and credit support, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country, including UP and Bihar.

(c) Under the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme, 8 IID Centres have been sanctioned in UP, including one each at Bhadohi and Chandauli in eastern Uttar Pradesh. Under this scheme, IID Centres provide the basic infrastucture like developed land, power and water supply, roads and other common service facilities, etc, to small scale industries. This scheme is demand-driven and no proposal for setting up any IID Centre has been received from the State of Bihar.

Import of items included in reserved list

†1249. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minsiter of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed to impon some items in the reserved list of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the period for which these items are being kept in the reserved list;

(c) whether Government's policy is to allow the big foreign traders in regard to the items of reserved list of Small Scale Indsutries but the big Indian Industries in the same sector are kept away;

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